

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William Allocca et al.  
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For : PLACING A PURCHASE ORDER USING ONE OF  
MULTIPLE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS



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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3)

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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